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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL - INFORMAL

1. AF OF L-CIO REACTION TO AUTHORIZATION OF THE TRADE UNION VISAS SEEMED VERY MODERATE, BUT THEY DID COMPLAIN ABOUT THE PAUCITY OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE FOUR SOVIETS. THEY WANTED US TO INSTRUCT YOU TO ASK MFA FOR ADDITIONAL BIOGRAPHIC DATA. WE DECLINED TO DO THAT, BUT SENT THE CABLE ASKING YOU TO REPORT ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM ANY SOURCE. WE REALIZE YOU PROBABLY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO COME UP WITH ANYTHING. THIS QUESTION WILL BE COMING UP IN FUTURE TRADE UNIONISTS' VISAS CASES.

2. PER SUGGESTS THAT WE CONSIDER FINDING A WAY, WITH FSI, TO PUT CINDY SMITH INTO A TRAINING ASSIGNMENT HERE OR IN MOSCOW AND ASSIGN HER TO A CONSULAR VACANCY NEXT SUMMER. CINDY HAS BEEN TALKING WITH PER AND PER UNDER-
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STANDS RAY SMITH WOULD EXTEND FOR TWO REPEAT TWO YEARS IF A MOSCOW POSITION COULD BE FOUND FOR HER. PER LIKES THE IDEA BECAUSE IT WOULD KEEP RAY IN MOSCOW; WE UNDERSTAND HE OTHERWISE WILL NOT EXTEND BEYOND NEXT SUMMER. BUT PER ALSO LIKES THE IDEA BECAUSE CINDY WOULD FILL THE SECOND OVERCOMPLIMENT TRAINEE POSITION WE HAVE BEEN PROMISED,

AND FREE UP DANIEL FRIED, A NEW FSO WITH 2 PLUS RUSSIAN
AND AN MA (SOVIET ECONOMY) FROM COLUMBIA, WHOM WE HAVE
A MARK ON, FOR ASSIGNMENT ELSEWHERE. FRIED IS IN THE
WEISZ, CARTER MOLD OF ACADEMICALLY TRAINED, GUNG HO
SOVIET SPECIALISTS (HE SPENT A YEAR IN MOSCOW AS A NANNY
WITH AN EMBASSY FAMILY), WHOM WE HAVE BEEN SCOUTING. WE
WOULD NOT GIVE HIM UP LIGHTLY, BUT DEFER TO YOUR REACTION
TO THE ARRANGEMENT PER SUGGESTS. WE NEED TO MOVE FAST;
EB WANTS FRIED AND MAY PANEL HIM NEXT WEEK.

3. RE MATERIALS YOU RECEIVED EARLIER FROM RABBI POLLAK,
MOSCOW 11548 INDICATED THAT YOU WERE POUCHING DOCUMENTS
TO US. WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED THEM, HOWEVER, AND RABBI
BRONSTEIN HAS CALLED SEVERAL TIMES ABOUT THEM. PLEASE
LET US KNOW IF THEY ARE ON THE WAY. BRONSTEIN IS AWARE
THAT WE AGREED TO ACCEPT AND TRANSMIT THE MATERIALS ON
A ONE-TIME BASIS ONLY.
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